

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A key inventory chest comprising:
  - a) a case having a docking port formed therein and including first means for attaching said case to a carrying element;
  - b) a tag including second means for attaching said tag to keys, said tag further including a docking button, spaced apart from said second means, of a size and shape for lockable engagement in said docking port to temporarily fasten said keys in said case wherein said second means is the combination of a small aperture through which a locking ring is threaded; and,
  - c) wherein said docking button is arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said docking port and releasable therefrom by digital pressure applied to said button.
2. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a single docking port and said docking port and said docking button are generally mutually planar for complete interfitting thereof.
3. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case contains a plurality of docking ports and said docking ports and said docking buttons are spaced-apart and generally mutually planar for complete interfitting thereof.
4. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall triangular outline.
5. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall circular outline.
6. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline.
7. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is generally flat having an overall elongated outline and contains means for attaching more than one case together in end-to-end fashion.

8. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case further includes a side loop for holding other keys.

9. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said case is circular in outline and said docking ports are circular and of equal size.

10. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a belt clip.

11. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said first means to attach said case to a carrying element is a wall mount.

12. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said second means includes a circular wire winding.

13. (Original) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said docking button is supported on said tag by a spring extending therebetween.

14. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 1 wherein said carrying element is a wall plaque and said case is attachable to said wall plaque.

15. (Withdrawn) A key inventory chest comprising:

a) a case having first and second docking ports formed therein, in spaced-apart arrangement, and including first means for removeably attaching said case to a carrying element; and,

b) first and second tags, each said tag including second means for loosely attaching said tag to a finger-holding portion of standard keys, said tags further including docking buttons, each said tag spaced apart from said second means, and of a size and shape for temporary lockable engagement in said first and second docking ports, respectively, to temporarily fasten said keys to said case;

c) wherein said docking buttons are arranged for snap-in fitting and locking into said first and second docking ports, respectively, and releasable therefrom by digital pressure applied to said buttons.

16. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a second

case for interconnection with said first case.

17. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 16 further including a second case for interconnection with said first case through interconnection of a docking button with a docking port.

18. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said first and second docking ports lie in a common plane passing through said case.

19. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 wherein said case is elongated and said docking ports are arranged in side-by-side order therealong.

20. (Withdrawn) The key inventory chest of Claim 15 further including a label site adjacent said docking port and further wherein the label site may be on the tag.